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SUBJ: FEC ADOPTS MEASURES TO CONSERVE OIL CONSUMPTION

REF: BELGRADE 3849

1. ACCORDING TANJUG NOV 26, FEC ADOPTED MEASURES
CONSERVE OIL CONSUMPTION AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REPUBLICS
AND PROVINCES FOR THIS PURPOSE. MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN ONE
MONTH.

2. MEASURES ADOPTED INCLUDE:

A. LOWERING OF SPEED LIMITS TO 90KM FOR PASSENGER
CARS; TO 70KM FOR BUSES AND TRUCKS UNDER 7.5 TONS; AND TO 60KM
TO VEHICLES OVER 7.5 TONS. REPUBLICS MAY VARY LIMITS BY 10 KM DEPENDI
NG
LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

B. RESTRICTIONS ON OPENING NEW BUS LINES, EXCEPT ON NEW
ROADS OR IN CITIES.

C. SPECIAL PERMITS TO BE REQUIRED FOR IMPORT OR EXPORT OIL.

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D. REDUCTION CUSTOMS DUTIES ON IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT
WHICH ENABLE ECONOMIC UTILIZATION OF OIL.

3. FEC ALSO AUTHORIZED CREATION EQUALIZATION FUND FINANCED FROM
FINES AND TAXES TO MODERNIZE ROADS.

4. FEC RECOMMENDS THAT REPUBLICS AND PROVINCES MORE RATIONALLY
ORGANIZE PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIFICALLY
DIMINISH NUMBER OF PARALLEL LINES. CITY ASSEMBLIES ARE ASKED
TO MORE EFFICIENTLY REGULATE AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC AND GIVE PRIORITY
TO USE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY (HYDRO).

5. OIL ENTERPRISES ARE TO MORE RATIONALLY REFINE OIL AND ALL
ENTERPRISES ARE TO HAVE PLANS FOR ITS CONSERVATION.

6. ACCORDING BORBA NOV 26, THESE MEASURES IF IMPLEMENTED
CAN SAVE \$150 MILLION ON OIL IMPORTS IN 1975.

7. IN ANNOUNCING MEASURES, GOY SPOKESMAN SAID PRODUCERS AND
CONSUMERS HAVE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY IN CONSERVING OIL CONSUMPTION
BUT IT SHOULD BE DONE WITHOUT PRICE INCREASES.

8. COMMENT: CONSUMPTION OF OIL AND DERIVATIVES GREW 13PERCENT IN
FIRST 9 MONTHS 1974, MORE THAN 3 TIMES PLANNED GROWTH OF 4 PERCENT.
TOTAL OIL IMPORT BILL 1974 WILL BE ABOUT \$800 MILLION (\$200 MILLION
IN 1973). YUGOSLAVS ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONSERVE OIL AND THEREBY
FOREIGN EXCHANGE, BUT ANNOUNCED MEASURES APPEAR WEAK REHASH OF EARLIE
R
RECOMMENDATIONS (SEE REFTEL) AND DO NOT SEEM TO PROMISE SIGNIFICANT
SAVINGS ENVISAGED BY GOY. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD STRONGER PLAN THAT
INCLUDED PRICE INCREASES WAS CONSIDERED, WHETHER IT HAS BEEN
REJECTED OR YUGOSLAVS HAVE OPTED FOR GRADUAL APPROACH, REMAINS TO
BE SEEN.

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